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## The Gossiper.

The woods are gaunt, the fields are brown,  
And sorrow fills our cup,  
For, as the mercury goes down,  
The price of coal goes up.

The months roll on, the torrid heat  
Of summer now is over;  
The nights are growing cool again,  
The fat man feels in clover.

Go get a double-headed gun,  
And shoot it square at  
The man who has the gall to wear  
That old straw hat.

Put away my long-tailed ulster,  
Take the screen off from the door,  
For the equinoctial has passed,  
And the summer time is over.  
Get me out my red bandanna  
So that when I wipe my nose  
Friends will think 'tis but reflection  
Of the kerchief's gorgeous rose.

He fondly gazed in her freckled face,  
Then an arm he placed about  
Her waist, and gave her a fond embrace,  
And called her his pretty trout.

Into her face red blushes came,  
And her eyes with tears grew dim,  
As she said "Why call me such a name?  
And she turned her back on him.

"Oh, to praise his girl is a lover's right,"  
He said, "and a lover's duty."  
And I called you a pretty trout to night,  
Because you're a speckled beauty."

Reader, another swindle is going around  
seeking whom it may take in, and the Gos-  
siper forewarns you to beware of the latest  
device to entrap the gullible. Some one  
of these fine Indian summer October days  
you may receive a circular from New  
York stating that an organ will be sent you  
for introduction in your neighborhood and  
requesting you to send on \$1 to pay freight.  
If you send the money you will receive a  
ten-cent month organ. Newspaper men  
who have no organs in their houses had  
better be on their guard as to this new  
method of swindling the innocent.

An Illinois Avenue belle was discovered  
one night this week at a casement window,  
gazing pensively at the moon, with a mis-  
trif expression on her mobile features.  
Foolish and impracticable girl! The moon  
is a quarter million miles distant, and if  
there was a man in it you could not get  
him; well—he could scarcely arrive during  
this term of court. Such a girl would marry  
for protection, though the majority of  
her sex usually marry for revenue only.

The inhabitants at the state capital must  
not have very sensitive tastes. The other  
day the dead body of a man, which had  
apparently been in the water some nine or  
ten days, was fished out of the reservoir  
which supplies the city with water. Please  
not drink that, very.

Sam Jones, the southern revivalist, is  
not in accord with lottery or gambling  
schemes. He says: "If there is a blight-  
ing curse in this country that is it. Hear  
me—I believe that Beauregard and Early  
will go down to their graves covered with  
shame. If I had a boy clerking in a store  
for me, and I knew he was buying Loui-  
siana State Lottery tickets, I would ship  
him. Why? Because I would be afraid  
he was light fingered. One dollar that a  
boy swears for is worth \$100,000 that any  
boy will win in the Louisiana State Lot-  
tery."

Bill Nye is a much better humorist than  
a roller skater, as the following from that  
gentleman's pencil aptly illustrates:  
Those who know me best, and people  
who have noticed my graceful carriage,  
say they would go further to see me skate  
than any other professional rinkster they  
ever saw risk. Many claim that they never  
saw a skater fall down and hurt himself  
with more genuine pleasure.

When I got on roller skates somehow  
people lose all interest in the administra-  
tion and almost everything else. People  
would walk for miles to see me come out  
in my new costume and kill myself. I do  
not say this egotistically or to attract atten-  
tion to myself, but I say it because it is  
true. Friends have come to me and told  
me so.

And still there is a nameless fascination  
about roller skating. Though the owners  
of the rink will not allow me to skate while  
other people are in the building, I love to  
go and watch the skaters and hold their  
shawls while they skate, or hold their hands  
and feet while they are in repose. I love  
to huckle a young lady's skate on her fair  
young feet. I love to linger over them and  
chat with them—the young ladies I mean—  
and ask them if they are well, and how  
their mothers are feeling, and if they do  
not think we are having rather a backward  
spring.

The Lockport Phoenix and the Cook  
County Democrat are both publishing sto-  
ries about "A Fatal Mistake, or Making

Money in Haste." This seems to be the  
burden of their song. It is generally a  
fatal mistake to suppose that newspaper  
men make money in haste. It generally  
requires a great deal of leisure, but the  
fellows up near the headquarters of the  
canal may have had a different experience to  
their brothers in this neck o' woods.

The Times of Stretcher, charges the Otta-  
wa Globe man with circulating hoary-head-  
ed "chestnuts."

Freckle-face girls are now fashionable  
and are rated as in good demand. The  
girl with the dimpled chin is quoted as a  
trifle on the decline, seller May being  
steadily with a few takers.

The lack of news in the columns of the  
LaSalle Times of last week may be attrib-  
uted to an unfortunate combination of  
circumstances over which the editor had  
no control. Just as he was "making up"  
his edition a "valuable communication  
from Oglesby was ploid," so he states.

Judge of a government by the men it pro-  
duces. Judge of a man by his deeds, a tree  
by its fruits, a medicine by its results. Time  
tried and true is Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure,  
which contains all the good qualities of all  
the best cough remedies without the defects  
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Sold by E. Y. Griggs, in fifty cent and dollar  
bottles. Healing to the lungs. Safe and  
pleasant for children.

## THE TRANSPLANTED FLOWER.

In Memory of Florence Chavory, daughter of  
Chas. W. and Kate L. Hawley.

There grew in our garden a little white blossom,  
A delicate lily so fair;  
With joy we watched its white petals unfold,  
And gave it our tenderest care.

We fenced it about with our love, and we  
gave it  
The sunlight of smiles every day;  
We hoped that our care for the little white  
blossom  
Would keep every cold wind away.

But the "Reaper" has gathered our beautiful  
flower,  
Our one little treasure so rare;  
Our hearts are so lonely, our smiles are so  
tearful,  
Our garden so empty and bare.

Some gardens have roses, and lilies, and  
daisies,  
We had only one little flower;  
And the Master who gave it has early re-  
called it.

To bloom in his heavenly bower.

No cold wind of sorrow will blight its fair  
petals—  
No shadow of sin ever stain;  
Twirl grow in the sunlight of glory forever,  
And there we shall see it again.

We cannot but grieve that our beautiful dar-  
ling  
So early has under the sod;  
Yet oft we'll remember how fair it is growing  
Abloom in the garden of God.

LEILA E. HENSON.

## From Lostant.

LOSTANT, Oct. 13.—Charles Phillips, of  
Chatsworth, brother of the supervisor, has  
been visiting friends here during the  
week.

Married, Oct. 1st, Willie Burns to Miss  
Naomi Connel, of Lostant. Willie is a son  
of John Burns, formerly of this place, but  
now living near Pontiac. Miss Connel was  
a graduate of Lostant High School and has  
been successfully teaching for some time.  
They left for their future home with the  
best wishes of the people of this com-  
munity.

Harry Graves started Thursday for Ne-  
braska, to look after his landed interests  
there and prepare homes for his boys.  
John Kenson also started the same day on  
a similar errand.

Dwight Davis, from Chatsworth, made a  
short visit to his father-in-law, John Dev-  
ers, this week.

Addison McCaleb, wife and children,  
from Dale county, Mo., have been visiting  
their friends here during the past week.

Nathan Kinzie, the Philanthropist, who is  
looking after the interests of posterity after  
the death of natural protectors, is in town,  
and the boys say that he can talk  
nothing but life insurance.

Mike Quinn, from Lost Lands, returned  
Monday from an extended tour through  
Nebraska.

Mrs. Kanne, who is living with her son  
near Chatsworth, is visiting friends in Los-  
tant.

G. B. McCaleb was in Chicago last week  
purchasing goods.

The button-hole bouquet festival in the  
interests of the M. E. Church Saturday  
night was a success, socially and finan-  
cially.

Mr. Walker, of the Wenona Gazette, was  
in town Monday, looking after the inter-  
ests of the paper.

Mrs. A. T. Osgood and Mrs. Clara Rey-  
nolds spent a few days last week at Cin-  
cago.

Mr. J. G. Hepler has gone to Clyde,  
Kansas, to superintend some building con-  
tracts that he has undertaken there.

G. B. Koonz and H. Davis were in Cin-  
cago last week doing the Exposition and  
other attractions.

Miss Nellie Kennedy is visiting friends  
in Wisconsin.

There was a church social last Thurs-  
day evening at the residence of Mr. Horn  
shell, and all enjoyed themselves to the ut-  
most. The Misses Ida and Emma have  
the happy faculty of making all feel at  
home on such occasions.

Our farmers are grumbling considerably  
about the low price of hogs, and have the  
gall to say a democratic administration  
causes hog cholera; hence low prices.

It is reported by many farmers that the  
late wet weather has damaged the corn  
considerably, and that a great deal of it is  
rotting on the stalk, and that there will not  
be an average more than thirty bushels per  
acre.

We would suggest to the young man  
that the Rev. Hurd was talking so that he  
should attend Sabbath school and church  
often. This is merely a friendly sugges-  
tion, given in a kindly spirit. GEORGE.

Rome was not built in a day, neither was  
the reputation of Milder's Herb Bitters  
built up by the thousands of bona fide  
cures of desperate cases of disease that  
have been recorded in its favor. E. A.  
Schellenger, druggist, 717 Clair street,  
Cleveland, O., writes: "Your Bitters, I can  
say, and do say, are prescribed by some of  
the oldest and most prominent physicians  
in our city."

## From Ophir.

Ophir, Oct. 6.—Fall work on the farm  
is now finished, and the ever patient gran-  
ger is waiting for the frost to dry his corn,  
so that he can husk.

Corn will not be as heavy a crop as was  
at one time expected. If it averages thirty  
bushels all over the county it will do well.  
Tom Ryan has a nice lot of hogs, the  
best I have seen this fall.

Mrs. Brown has erected a double corn  
crib on her farm.

Mr. Galloway is busy improving his  
farm. Mr. G. is a model farmer and it  
won't be long before he has a nice farm  
and a cosy home.

Tiling is being done by a great many.  
They have at least found out that it pays.  
Billy Stottler and family, of Kansas, are  
visiting Wm. Edwards.

Mr. G. Zorn, also from Kansas, is here  
visiting his brethren.

Mrs. Robt. Pieters, from Mo., is the guest  
of her father and mother here.

Frank Gannon, from Bailey's Falls, is at  
Mr. Miles'.

Some of our cattle men feel blue at the  
low price of steers.

Our cider press is running, but not a  
great deal is being made, as apples are  
rare as hens' teeth.

## From Freedom.

FREEDOM, Oct. 7.—Our first severe frost  
to do any damage was last Monday night.  
Charles Bradshaw is in Chicago this  
week, attending grand lodge.

Miss Minnie Crooks, of Paxton, Ill., is  
visiting in Freedom.

Mr. Will Stoddard, from Grand Rapids,  
Mich., spent last Sabbath in Freedom.

Mr. Charles Ferguson was severely hurt  
last Sunday while leading a team. A horse  
struck him in the face, hurting him quite badly.

Mr. Henry Dunn was hit by a horse  
last week and broke his shoulder-  
blade. He was pretty badly hurt other-  
wise, but how bad can hardly tell yet.

W. D. Parish and wife went to Aurora  
last week to attend the wedding of their  
youngest son Alonzo.

Rev. Miller is attending conference this  
week. We hope to have him with us  
again the coming year.

Mr. Allen Boyce has sold his farm to  
Will Parr, of Dayton, and he goes to Iro-  
quois county to live.

Henry Beckwith has rented the Day  
farm for the coming year.

Handling was quite lively last week—two  
lawsuits for poll tax. One suit came out  
ahead, beating the commissioners. Per-  
haps it was owing to the two attorneys,  
Doming and McKinley.

Mrs. Henry Pool is visiting her parents  
in Nebraska.

Mrs. Delong wants to sell her residence  
in Harding and go to Iowa to live.

## A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.,  
writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever,  
and weakness on lungs, and reduced to a walking  
skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's  
New Discovery for consumption, which did  
me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle.  
After using three bottles, found myself once  
more a man, completely restored to health,  
with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of  
45 lbs." Call at Latz & Briggs' drug store  
and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure  
for all lung diseases. Large bottles \$1.00.

## Vicinity Items.

Aurora has 75 able-bodied physicians.  
The Dixon Sun says: "For some reason  
not defined the potatoes raised in this  
section are rotting rapidly."

After paying all necessary expenses of  
the Big Bend Reunion at Stretcher there  
was a surplus of \$540, and there is much  
anxiety on the part of those connected with  
the matter to know what shall be done with  
the money. If the statements of the Stretcher  
Times are true, the wonder is how such an  
amount could be possibly left over.

Much deep sympathy is expressed for  
Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Farnham, of Earl town-  
ship, who recently lost their two handsome  
little girls—Maud, aged 11, and Edith, 9—  
by diphtheria, only two days intervening  
between their deaths. The funerals were  
held Sept. 29, and the little girls were  
buried side by side in the cemetery at Troy  
Grove.

A war in coal rates has been inaugurated  
in the west end cities. The Spring Valley  
mines delivered coal at Peru for 2; then  
Peru came down from \$2.75 per ton to the  
same figure, and LaSalle was forced into  
the pool on account of the action of Peru.  
So that the people of LaSalle and Peru  
are now getting their coal at their doors for  
\$2 per ton, instead of \$2.75.

It has just been discovered that Will  
Thomas, who is serving out a seventeen-

year sentence at Joliet for the murder of  
H. P. Allen at Sandwich some four or five  
years ago, is an innocent man. A convict  
named Young, now in the Joliet peniten-  
tiary, has confessed that he committed the  
murder. Citizens of Sandwich are endeavor-  
ing to secure Thomas' pardon.

When Baby was sick, we gave her CASTORIA.  
When she was a Child, she cried for CASTORIA.  
When she became Miss, she clung to CASTORIA.  
When she had Children, she gave them CASTORIA.

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combination, proportion, and preparation are  
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## FOR SALE.

The administrators of the William Mitchell estate of-  
fer for sale the following lots and tracts of land, all sit-  
uated in LaSalle county Illinois. In section 16, range  
2, 34 acres about 1 1/2 mile southeast of the village of  
Troy, and south of the canal; 190.75 acres in section 16,  
township 28, range 2, lying south of canal, adjoining  
Troy on the east, lot 3 and 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35,  
36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46, adjoining Troy  
on the southeast, and lot 1 north of canal on the east of  
Troy. Blocks 1 and 22 inclusive, extending out 1/2  
block 20, also 39 acres in section 16, township 28, range  
2, known as "Pine Island."

For particulars and information apply to James  
Mitchell or William Reed, administrators of the estate,  
LaSalle, Ill.

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by Charles H. Crook, at his residence in  
the north of South Ottawa in the county of LaSalle  
and State of Illinois, on the third day of September, A.  
D. 1883, one stray mare, described as follows, namely:  
One brown mare with two white hind feet, two white  
socks on right hind feet, white spot in forehead; about  
1 1/2 years old and about 15 hands high.

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most complete in the city, the under-  
signed invites farmers and others  
desiring new wagons or  
old ones repaired  
or wishing  
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and Democrat Wagons.

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assortment always on hand. First class FALMERS  
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can be had.

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La Salle Street, Ottawa, Ills.

Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R.  
TIME TABLE.  
October 13th, 1883.

Going South.				Going North.			
Pass.	Freight.	Pass.	Freight.	Pass.	Freight.	Pass.	Freight.
No. 31	No. 32	No. 33	No. 34	No. 35	No. 36	No. 37	No. 38
7:15 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:45 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	7:15 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	7:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
10:15 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	10:15 P.M.	10:30 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
1:15 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:15 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
4:15 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	7:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	7:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:30 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	10:30 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	11:00 P.M.

Freight trains carrying passengers leave Ottawa as follows: For Earl, 1:30 P.M.; for Aurora, 1:45 P.M.; for Stretcher, 2:00 P.M.; for Troy, 2:15 P.M.; and for LaSalle, 2:30 P.M.

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